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Important to Harford  
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# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Administration

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### **Student Artists Inspire Harford County to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Rethink**

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Government's Sustainability Office with the Department of Administration and the Harford County Public Schools' Resource Conservation Program partnered together again to sponsor the fourth annual Conservation and Preservation Poster Contest.

It challenges students from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to create original art work to inspire others to efficiently use and reuse resources. This year's theme was *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink*. Each student selected which elements of the theme to focus on for their poster.

One winner was selected from each of the four grade categories: kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Harford County Government and the Harford County Public Schools received over 530 poster entries and they judged based on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the assigned theme.

The four winning posters will be reproduced and displayed in Harford County Government offices, Harford County Public Libraries and Harford County Public Schools. The four student artists appeared on Harford Cable Network's Harford Kids TV News program to explain the inspiration for their posters. The program airs in January 2014.

Student artists were honored among family and teachers at the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation's Senator William Amoss Agricultural Center at Swan Harbor Farm on December 5 for their achievement. The Division of Agriculture donated Broom's Bloom ice cream for the awards celebration.

The kindergarten - second grade winning artist is Rebecca Dyer. She is a second grader at Forest Lakes Elementary School. She enjoys horseback riding, gymnastics, baking sweets and going to the library. The 3-5 winning artist is Katie Levey, a fifth grader from Jarrettsville Elementary School. She says "when

she becomes president she is going to make sure that everybody is treated equally". The 6-8 winning artist is Abbey Stephen, a seventh grader of Southampton Middle School. She enjoys drawing, reading and volunteering at the Humane Society. The 9-12 winning artist is Skylar Bodt, an eleventh grader from Fallston High School. She would like to combine her love of art and science and pursue advanced degrees in one or both.

If you are interested in learning more about the poster contest or about receiving a poster to display in your office, please contact Harford County Government's Sustainability Coordinator Erin Ferriter, Ph.D. at [eferriter@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:eferriter@harfordcountymd.gov) or 410-638-4707.

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